

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:809  
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STOCK OF FOODGRAINS  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the actual demand alongwith the total stock of foodgrains particularly wheat and rice during the last two years;
- (b) the current stock of foodgrains alongwith the expected increase/decrease in the stock during 2004-2005;
- (c) whether millions of people are starving despite over flowing stock;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to rectify this problem;

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ( DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH )

(a): Allocation of foodgrains under Targetted Public Distribution System(TPDS) is made @ 35 KG per family per month. The allocation under various welfare Schemes is made by concerned nodel Ministries as per guidelines. The total allocation of foodgrains made to various States and Union Territories under TPDS and Welfare Schemes during the last 2 years is as follows:-

(In lakh tonnes)

Year	Rice	Wheat	Total
2002-03	452.69	444.31	897.00
2003-04	445.23	428.83	874.06

Stock position of wheat and rice as on 31.3.2003 and 31.3.2004 in Central Pool is as under:-

(In lakh tonnes)

As on	Rice	Wheat	Total
31.3.2003	171.57	156.45	328.02
31.3.2004	132.77	68.93	201.70

(b): The current stock position of wheat and rice as on 31.05.2004 is as under:-

(In lakh tonnes)

As on	Rice	Wheat	Total
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31.5.2004	122.51	193.90	316.41
31.3.2004	132.77	68.93	201.70

The expected stock of 2004-05 is given as under:-

(In lakh tonnes)

As on	Rice	Wheat	Total
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1.7.2004	113.00	198.00	311.00
1.10.2004	70.00	151.00	221.00
1.1.2005	135.00	109.00	244.00

The actual stock position would depend upon the actual procurement and offtake by various States.

(c): No, report of starvation has been received from any State/UT.

(d) & (e): Does not arise.